GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ROAD LINK TO TIBET BY CHINA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether China is considering a proposal to link Xigaze with Lhasa by rail link by 2010; and

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposed link would pose a security risk to India; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)-(d) Government have seen reports in Chinese official media on the proposed construction of a 254-km extension line of the Qinghai-Tibet railway from Lhasa to Xigaze. Government keep a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and take all necessary measures to safeguard it.